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"ORTHODONTIC BRACKET"

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendment to the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-40.

Please add new claims 41-59 as follows:

41. An orthodontic bracket comprising:

a body including a lingual surface for attachment to a tooth and having an archwire slot;

at least two tie wings coupled to the body and defining a space therebetween, the body and the tie wings collectively forming a labial surface having a notch; and

a locking shutter having a stem positioned in the space between the tie wings and movable between an open position where access to the archwire slot is permitted and a closed position where access to the archwire slot is inhibited.

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